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Applicant:	Edward S. Beeman	Examiner:	Cheukfan Lee
Serial No.:	09/838,974	Group Art Unit:	2622
Filed:	April 20, 2001	Docket No.:	10003834-1
Title:	System and Method for Providing Uniform Illumination as Received by an Optical Detector		

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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Please enter the following Response to Examiner's Reasons for Allowance.
Remarks begin on page 2.

AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT

It is believed that no extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those, which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to Hewlett-Packard Development Company's deposit account no. 08-2025.

REMARKS

In the Examiner's reasons for allowance, the Examiner states;

Claims 20-24 are allowable over the prior art of record because the prior art does not teach ... as claimed in claims 20 and 21.

Claims 22-24 depend upon claim 21.

Applicant agrees that the art of record does not teach or suggest the recited limitations. The Examiner, however, did not cite limitations from all of the claims. Further, Applicant submits that no words or terms should be "read into" a claim based on the statements of the Examiner. Instead, the present claims are allowable for at least the reason that the art of record does not teach or suggest all of the limitations of the claims as actually recited in the claims themselves. Applicants therefore respectfully assert that the scope of each claim as allowed is to be determined from the actual claim language, including all equivalents.

Respectfully submitted



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